ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

M. M. Board

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Enon Baptist Church, Shelby County, Ala.

August 30th and 31st, and September 1st, 1893.

OFFICERS.

Rev. F. B. TEAGUE, D. D., Moderator ..... Columbiana, Ala.

Rev. C. W. O'HARA, Clerk and Treasurer ..... Columbiana, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Mars Hill Church, two miles from Oxmoor, Jefferson County, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1894.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional Exercises
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer
5. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint Committees on Devotion, Finance and Nominations.
8. Fill Vacancies in Standing Committees
9. Call for Correspondence
10. Return Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business
12. Adjourn

Second Day.

13. Devotional Exercises.
14. Read the Minutes of the First Day and Call the Roll.
15. Report on Family Religion.
16. Report on Education.
17. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
18. Missionary Sermon.
19. Report on Ministerial Education
20. Report on Periodicals.
21. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers

Third Day.

22. Report of Colporteur.
23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work
24. Report on Temperance
25. Report on Sabbath Schools
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance.
28. Report of Treasurer
29. Appoint Standing Committees to report at next session.
30. Order Clerk's Salary paid and 500 copies Minutes printed.
31. Miscellaneous Business.
32. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association convened with Enon Church on Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1893.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. James Hogan, of Birmingham.

The former moderator being absent, temporary organization was effected by calling Rev. E. B. Teague, D.D., to the chair.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Lowrey from Zech. 14th chapter, 6th and 7th verses. Adjourned to one o'clock.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. C. Taul.

Letters from the churches were read by J. F. Averyt and H. C. Taul, and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brierfield—A. J. Day.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Cahaba Valley—T. M. Fancher, John Schofield and W. M. Kerbo.
Calera—H. T. Caffey, J. G. Lowrey, J. E. Mattison.
Dogwood Grove—W. Z. Lovelady.
Enon—N. T. Lucas, E. M. Daniel, J. C. Latham.
Jemison—J. R. Hill.
Helena—Letter and funds.
Longview—C. E. Hayle.
Montevallo—S. A. Latham, Wm. Lyman and H. C. Reynolds.
Macedonia—E. G. Walker and W. T. Walker.
New Antioch—V. E. McCartney and C. W. Linsey.
Six Mile—J. W. Mitchell, W. L. Trucks and H. R. Arnold.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethesda—W. A. Lyon, J. S. Jackson and C. A. Mason.
Columbiana—E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara and Wm. L. Davis.
Florence—J. M. Crenshaw.
Kingdom—Not represented.
Liberty—J. D. Martin and A. F. Carden.
Mars Hill—John Milstead, W. W. Ray and W. D. Hubbard, Sr.
Mt. Calvary—Nathaniel Thomas, John Moore and A. J. Shaw.
Mt. Carmel—Not represented.
New Prospect—W. C. Carden and S. P. Fancher.

Rocky Ridge—J. W. Wood, Printice Murphy and W. M. Davis.
Summer Hill—L. Q. Gould, James Gould and W. J. Nelson.
Shelby—J. F. Averyt and J. H. Keith.

Elected Rev. E. B. Teague, D.D., Moderator, and Rev. C. W. O'Hara, Clerk and Treasurer, by acclamation. Visiting ministers were invited to seats. Present: C. W. Hare, D. A. Seale and Wm. McKeever.

Invited churches to join the association, when a petitionary letter was presented from Center Hill church. The church being found orthodox, was received; the moderator extending the hand of fellowship to the messengers, W. W. Kendrick and James Coker.

Appointed committees:

On Devotion—Pastor and messengers of Enon church.
On Finance—A. F. Carden, A. J. Day and W. A. Lyon.
On Nominations—R. H. Pratt, Nathaniel Thomas and J. M. Crenshaw.

Filled vacancies in standing committees:

On Education—R. H. Pratt, J. F. Averyt and Wm. L. Davis.
On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. D. Martin, W. C. Carden and S. A. Latham.

Called for correspondence.

Received from Mulberry Association—Rev. D. A. Seale; from the Birmingham, Rev. James Hogan; from the Chickasawha, Miss., Rev. Wm. McKeever, a blind preacher; from the Unity, Rev. C. W. Hare, also as a representative of the Alabama Baptist and the Judson Female Institute.

Returned correspondence:

To the Coosa River Association, E. B. Teague and H. C. Taul; to the Birmingham, J. G. Lowrey and J. D. Martin; to the Mulberry, T. M. Fancher, R. H. Pratt, J. W. Wood, N. T. Lucas, J. W. Mitchell and H. T. Caffey; to the Weogufka, W. J. Nelson; to the Unity, E. B. Teague, J. W. Mitchell and J. G. Lowrey.

Fixed the time of meeting and adjournment. Convene at 9 a. m.; udjourn at 12 m.; convene at 1 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure.

The report on family religion was read, received and discussed by J. W. Wood, C. W. Hare, J. G. Lowrey, T. M. Fancher, W. M. Kerbo, J. W. Mitchell, T. J. Cabaniss, J. D. Martin, C. W. O'Hara, N. T. Lucas and J. F. Averyt.

Pending a motion to adjourn, Rev. James Hogan, of Birmingham, was requested to preach the missionary sermon at 11 a. m. to-morrow. The subject of missions was made the special order for 10:45 to-morrow.

Committee on devotion reported that Rev. J. D. Martin would preach at night. After prayer by C. W. O'Hara, adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Association met. Moderator read the 73d Psalm. Prayers by J. F. Averyt and Wm. Davis. Read the minutes of the previous day and called the roll. Adopted the report on family religion.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of family religion, report the following:

There are various opinions among our people as to what it takes to constitute family religion. Some believe home or family religion consists in gathering the family around the family altar, reading portion of Scripture, and prayer; others that to adhere strictly to secret devotions, such as reading the Scripture, prayer and meditation, with other religious duties. Again there are many who seem to be content with the members of family attending Sabbath school and church services. Your committee believes that no one idea as expressed constitute family religion, but that all, with other religious duties, go to make up true family religion. We ask parents and heads of families to carefully and prayerfully consider the subject; believing as we do that the success of all other objects fostered by the churches rest upon this one.

THOS. M. FANCHER, Chairman.

The report on ministerial education was received, read and discussed by J. G. Lowrey, E. B. Teague, C. W. Hare, R. H. Pratt and J. W. Mitchell, and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee deems this subject of vital importance to the perpetuity of the church, and the spread of the gospel. True the Scripture sayeth, "Like people, like priest." But the vice versa is also true: As the preacher, so the church. Hence, the importance of our educated ministry. Yes, with emphasis, we must educate. A man to teach must first be taught. A man to impart must first have something to impart. While we emphasize most strongly the importance of an educated ministry, we would by no means disparage the many noble and consecrated ministers, who have had no collegiate training. Those of them, however, who are rendering the

most efficient services, are men who have bestowed much time toward prayerful study on the preparing of themselves for the great work. And, with one unanimous consent, would express regret that they were deprived of the advantages of a college course. For the authenticity of this college tralning for the ministry, we refer to 1st Sam. 19th chapter, and 2 Kings, 6th chapter. The school of the prophets, who became so numerous that it was necessary that they should erect larger buildings. They, as those that are called now, were so poor that they had to borrow tools to work with. "The axe head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, Master, for it was borrowed." Should we not help our young men to prepare themselves for this great work? Did not the disciples have the constant instruction of Christ for three years in preparing themselves for the ministry? Also, Paul said to Timothy, "Study to show thyself an approved workman." Certainly there is no need of further testimony. Now let us consider at once the pressing needs upon us. A large number of young men were at the Seminary, Howard College, and high schools last year, and on the account of unredeemed pledges, the Board of Ministerial Education is unable to meet the expenses. These young men desire to return, and many others want to enter. Shall the board be forced to say to them "stay at home" because the 100,000 Baptists of Alabama refuse to furnish the means. No, let us come with our means, and say "send them;" and thus uphold and sustain this great work, which is tke foundation and moving cause of all the objects fostered by our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. AVERYT, Chairman.

The following pledges were taken for ministerial education:

Shelby church	$10 00	Montevallo church	$25 00
Calera "	5 00	Six Mile "	10 00
Cahaba Valley church	5 00	Jemison "	10 00
Columbiana "	10 00		
Total			$75 00

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were received and read.

The missionary sermon was then preached by Rev. James Hogan from Psalm 108:13, after which a collection was taken for missions.

After prayer by the moderator, the association adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Association met. Prayer by H. C. Reynolds.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by J. W. Mitchell, J. G. Lowrey, C. W. O'Hara and James Hogan, and the reports adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

State missions has reference to the missionary work done in our own State. Rev. W. B. Crumpton has for several years been secretary of the State Mission Board for Alabama. He travels in the bounds of the State, preaches missionary sermons, locates mission work, and supplies destitutes with the gospel. For the last fifteen years the northern portion of the State has been a great mission center. Great many of the churches in and around Birmingham was first located by and received from the board help. Now they are self-sustaining, and pay into our treasuary hundreds of dollars for the support of missions both at home and abroad.

Brethren, Bro Crumpton must have help to enable him to send men (preachers) of God into the destitute places of our State to preach Christ and him crucified. People from all nations, even heathens, are flocking into our State every day. These people we must christianize, or they will heathenize us and our children. While there is a great revival of missions abroad going on among us, let us not forget our own State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. MITCHELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The home mission work is the basis of all mission work.

It is the Bible plan to begin at Jerusalem, and then go out and extend our work until earth's remotest bounds are made to resound with the glad tidings of salvation. As we cultivate and strengthen the forces at home, we are enabled to push forward the work abroad. To fail to press this work is to weaken our forces and diminish our supplies for every department of Christian work.

We have under the employ of the home board 348 missionaries, in 17 states and territories, and 20 in the island of Cuba. The results of the work done by these men of God are very gratifying. During the last conventional year they (notwithstanding the great political excitement which has swept over our country) have done a splendid work.

Weeks of labor	14,014
Churches and stations visited	1,482
Sermons and addresses	38,007
Prayer meetings held	12,594
Baptisms	5,111
Received by letter	4,493
Total additions	9,604
S. S. organized	412
Teachers and pupils	16,611
Religious visits	54,134
Churches constituted	155
Houses of worship built	92
Bibles and testaments	1,748
Pages of tracts distributed	919,587
Money contributed for regular work	$70,947.76

Its total cash receipts for the year have been $106 989 58, of which $29,373 40 have been expended in church building. Within the last ten years the board has sent out 2 800 missionaries, who have constituted 2,400 churches, organized 2,350 Sunday schools, built 700 houses of worship and added 70,000 churches to its beneficiary churches. As the work grows, we need enlarged contributions with which to prosecute it. The mountains,

plains, and the great centers of influence, must be occupied by us; or they will be by others.

The great influx of foreign population into our fair country lays upon us grave and heavy responsibilities. We must lift them up, or they will drag us down. We are debtors to these people, and necessity is laid upon us. We are to-day called upon to enlarge the place of our tent, and stretch forth the curtains of our habitations, to spare not, to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

Grand possibilities are open to us if we only seize the opportunity. Among the Indians a good work is being done; and also on the plains of Texas a great work is being accomplished. In Louisiana and Florida encouraging results follow the efforts of our missionaries. In Cuba the work being done by Bro. Diaz and his faithful brethren is simply marvelous, and yet much remains to be done.

May the Lord help us to lift our eyes, and view the field already white, and with hearts and purses, consecrated to His service, press forward this mighty work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Lowrey, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention, organized in 1845, has its foreign mission board at Richmond, Va., and has missionaries—in China 38, native helpers 25, baptisms last conventional year 75; in Africa, missionaries 11, helpers 7, baptisms 20; in Italy, missionaries 27, baptisms 72; in Brazil, missionaries 17, helpers 8, baptisms 96; in Mexico, missionaries 25, helpers 10, baptisms 94; in Japan, missionaries 4, helpers 2, baptisms 26; total—missionaries 98, assistants 79, baptisms 383.

The receipts of the board, for last year, for this work, were about $154,700. This amount includes over $50,000.00 centennial contributions.

The Woman's Missionary Union raised more than one-fifth of the above amount.

Now, brethren, what part of this great and important work has the Shelby Association done? What has your church done? What have you done?

Our Savior's last command was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and his last promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We claim to be disciples of Christ. Soldiers of the cross, are we obeying the command of our leader? We can't all go, but we can send our representatives, and have sent some, and now we must support them. We must "hold the rope" while they go down into the depths of heathenism and do battle for the Lord.

We pray, "Thy kingdom come;" are we doing what we can that God may reign over the earth? Brother, if your house was on fire, would you pray God to put out the flames, while you sat idly by and watched? No, you would work with all your might, undergo hardships, and go bravely into danger, to accomplish that for which you prayed. Brethren, our house is on fire, the very flames and fumes of hell are ascending round about us, and teeming millions of our fellow men are falling in without hope. Let us do more, let us make some sacrifice to "snatch them from the burning," and Christ will be with us and continue to bless our efforts.

We pray for our missionaries but we do not pay enough for their support. We urge our pastors to take more frequent collections for this cause, and try to get something from every one. These are hard times, but we must

not let the cause suffer; it will not do to retreat; we have the missionaries in the field, and we must support them.

We believe a lack of information on this subject is one great cause of our lack of interest, and we respectfully suggest that our pastors do all they can to put the Foreign Mission Journal in the hands of their members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. MILNER, Chairman.

On motion, ordered the collection for missions to be divided equally among State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The report on education read, received and discussed by R. H. Pratt and E. B. Teague. Rev. James Hogan addressed the body in the interest of Howard College. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education can only reiterate what has been said in previous reports to this association (see report of last year), and earnestly recommend to your favorable consideration the common schools, believing as we do that the foundation of future goodness and greatness of our sons and daughters is laid in early life, and again, we believe that the Christian world is, in a certain sense, responsible for crime, and that the best preventative is found in the intelligence and enlightenment of the people. We rejoice to see the increasing interest in the cause of education.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

The report on periodicals was read, received and discussed by J. G. Lowrey. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The power of the press as an agency for good cannot be over-estimated. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." And as a man reads, so he thinks.

"The press," says one writer, "is Argus of the world, the ear-gallery of "the globe, the reporter of all things earthly. Its myriad eyes, flashing "from ten thousand centres, survey all lands and peoples. No corner of "civilization escapes its searching glances. No hidden thing escapes its "scrutiny. As it sees, it listens; and as it listens, it tells abroad; so that all "the world can discuss at the breakfast-table of to-day what the rest of the "world did yesterday. The flying trains, the heaving steamship, the tele-"graph, the cable, the pen, the type—all are its trained servants. In short "the one maximum force of this 19th century is the printing press."

While the printing press may be a great power for good, it may also prove a potent power for evil. But where its use is limited to the dissemination of these divine truths which tend to the upbuilding of the cause of our divine Master in the world its power for good is almost inestimable. The apostles used written as well as spoken truth to guide the faith and intelligence of the people. And so ought we, as God's people, by a judicious and wise selection and dissemination of printed truth, to aid God's ministry to advance the moral and religious interests of those by whom we are surrounded.

There are many religious publications and periodicals printed and sent

out by our great denomination to-day, which, if read by our people, will help men and women to attain to a higher plane in the divine life.

First of all, your committee would recommend a careful and prayerful study of God's Holy Word. Next we commend to the careful consideration of all Sunday schools and Sunday school workers the periodicals published by the Sunday school board of our Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. The periodicals are equal to the very best, and will prove a wonderful help in the study of the Bible.

Nor would we have our people neglect to keep well abreast of the spirit and progress of our denominational work, and we would recommend that they subscribe liberally for and read "The Alabama Baptist," "The State Mission Quarterly," "Our Home Field," "The Foreign Mission Journal" and "The Western Recorder."

Fraternally submitted,

H. T. CAFFEY,
J. E. MATTISON,
J. A. SKAGGS,
Committee.

The report on aged and infirm ministers was read, received and discussed by J. M. Crenshaw, E. B. Teague and R. H. Pratt.

On motion, the churches were requested to take a sollection for W. W. Armstrong and J. W. Wood, aged beneficiaries, during the month of September, 1893. A collection was taken in the association for their benefit. Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee submit the following: We find that there are two beneficiaries in our association—W. W. Armstrong and J. W. Wood We recommend them to the faithful consideration of the association. We regret that contributions from the churches are so small.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MARTIN, Chairman.

The report of the executive committee read, received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have done nothing in the way of missions, in our bounds, during the past year, except the work done at Shelby in conjunction with the State Board of Missions. The work there is prospering finely under the pastorate of Rev. C. W. O'Hara, and bids fair to make a strong and influential church. This church proposes hereafter to be self-snstaining.

We have succeeded in getting a report from, and settlement with, Rev.

F. Woods, former colporteur of the association, as directed by the last session. We have on hand—

in cash	$ 9 55
in books	15 45
Total	$25 00

As it was late in the year before we obtained a settlement we have not been able to secure the services of a colporteur.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. MILNER, Chairman.

Resolved 1st, That the executive committee be instructed to pay over the amount on hand, $9.55, to the Colportage Board; and to employ, if possible, a colporteur to labor in the bounds of the association, and to turn over to him the books on hand. And if no colporteur should be employed, to dispose of the books to the best advantage.

Resolved 2d, That said colporteur, if appointed, be required to report to the next association.

The report on colportage work was read, received and adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

During the past year there has been no special representative of this board in our association, Bro. Woods, our former representative, having removed to Blocton, Ala.

The board has in its employ thirteen colporteurs, located in different parts of the State, some of whom do not work regularly. The stringency of money matters has greatly retarded the progress of the work throughout the State. Out of $600 worth of books handled by colporteurs only a fraction over $200 has been returned to the board, so difficult has it been to sell them. However, great good has been done by the distributron of tracts, donating the Word of God to the destitute. and preaching and holding services with families denied the privilege of public worship.

The sales of the department up to Aug. 1st amount to $3,331.06.

Your committee recommend:

1. That every Sunday school purchase its supplies from this board; for, in so doing, a direct contribution to its usefulness will be effected.
2. That a liberal contribution be made to board.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. LATHAM.

The report on temperance was made the special order for 9:15 to-morrow. The committee on devotion reported that Rev. Wm. McKeever would preach at night. After prayer by J. M. Crenshaw, adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. W. Wood. Suspended the order of business for miscellaneous business. Authorized the clerk to loan the file of minutes of the association to Rev. B. F. Riley, D.D., who is preparing a history of the Baptists of Alabama.

Appointed a committee on the revision of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, to report at the next session, consisting of C. W. O'Hara, H. C. Taul and J. G. Lowrey.

The report of the committee on nominations was read, received, amended and discussed by J. D. Martin, H. C. Taul, C. W. O'Hara, J. W. Wood, E. B. Teague and R. H. Pratt. Discussion suspended for special on temperance.

The report on temperance was read, received and discussed by H. C. Reynolds, J. G. Lowrey, J. D. Martin, S. A. Latham, and H. C. Taul.

On motion, Rev. J. G. Lowrey was requested to read a paper of his own production on this subject. After the reading, on motion, ordered that the paper be published in the Alabama Baptist, and that the pastors be requested to read the same to their churches.

Discussion on the report of committee on temperance was continued by A. J. Shaw and W. J. Nelson, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We note with regret and apprehension the increase in the bounds of this association of the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. For years past our legislators have been to some extent selected on account of their disposition to favor the abolition of this evil. But we fear the Christian people who have heretofore been the means of suppressing the tide of intemperance have suffered themselves to lose sight of this important element in those who are selected to formulate the laws that are to govern us. The great stride made in past years in ridding ourselves by legislation of this evil should not be lost. Those who would gratify their appetites for strong drink and those who would profit by the miseries of their fellow men continually proclaim "that prohibition does not prohibit." But a fair trial in a community where a Christian regard for the laws of the land prevail teaches us to the contrary, and it is with pride and satisfaction we point to these evidences. It is a sad sight to see a community afflicted with this great curse—"legalized

bar rooms"—where it is presumed to be made respectable and therefore more dangerous, and to feel had we as Christians been more careful these things had not occurred. The Bible teaches us that "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man in rags." Indulgence in strong drink robs life of its highest worth. It is a settled fact that the use of stimulants is to loosen the delicate and firm grasp of the will upon the passions. It gives a slack vein to the lower nature. The control of the lower nature by spiritual forces in most of us is too fitful and uncertain. We are not masters of ourselves, and indulgence in stimulants of any kind assails the mastery through which alone there is a possibility of changing earthly life into the values of eternity.

We would, therefore, in view of these facts, recommend our people unite anew to use every effort in our power to crush out this great evil. That we discountenance every movement having in view the encouragement of the liquor traffic.

H. C. Reynolds, Chairman.

Discussion on the report of the committee on nominations was resumed by N. T. Lucas, C. W. O'Hara and J. G. Lowrey. After several amendments, it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We submit the following report:

1. For executive committee, C. W. O'Hara, H. C. Taul, Charles Johnson, J. C. Lyon and J. M. Crenshaw.
2. That the introductory sermon be preached by N. T. Lucas, N. J. Jarvis alternate.
3. That the missionary sermon be preached by J. G. Lowry, W. W. Kirkland alternate.
4. Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, C. W. O'Hara and J. G. Lowrey.
5. Delegates to the State Convention, J. W. Mitchell, J. D. Martin, C. W. O'Hara, H. C. Taul, J. G. Lowrey, Charles Johnson, T. M. Fancher, W. M. Kerbo, B. C. Hughes and E. B. Teague.
6. That the next session of the association be held with Mars' Hill church, commencing on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1894.

R. H. Pratt, Chairman.

The report on Sunday schools was read, received and discussed by J. D. Martin, A. J. Shaw, Wm. L. Davis and E. B. Teague, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, are delighted to report that almost all of the churches sustain good Sunday schools, and report good attendance. We are also glad to learn from the church letters that good literature and the Bible itself is used in the Sunday schools. If the church membership becomes interested the good work will be crowned with great success. We

further notice, with pleasure, that the Sunday schools are successfully being instructed in giving of their substance to the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MARTIN, Chairman.

The report on finance was read, received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee, report that we have received from the churches:

For State missions	$ 14	28
For home missions	6	38
For foreign missions	9	18
For aged and infirm ministers	8	17
For ministerial education	5	00
For Bible and colportage work		71
For minutes	39	25
For associational purposes	5	50
Total	$ 88	47
Paid over to the Treasurer	88	47

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. CARDEN, Chairman.

The report of the treasurer was read, received and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

C. W. O'Hara, Treas., in account with Shelby Association for the year 1892-3.

Sept. 2, '92.	To balance last report		$ 102	78
Aug. 25, '93.	amount colportage fund from F. M. Woods		9	55
			$ 112	34
Sept. 2, '92.	By amount paid J. M. Woods, indigent Min.	$ 5 54		
	W. W. Armstrong	5 54		
	clerk's fee	20 00		
7	Geo. Ellis, B. of Miss. Ed.	15 70		
9	W. B. Crumpton, S. Mis	5 00		
	W. B. Crumpton, H. Mis	8 01		
	W. B. Crumpton, for Mis	12 35		
	W. B. Crumpton, Centennial Fund	3 40		
30	Printing minutes	25 00		
Aug. 30, '93.	Postage	2 25		
			$ 102	78
			$ 9	55

FOR THE YEAR 1893-94.

Sept. 1, 93.	To balance on hand	$ 9 55
	amount received from Finance Committee	88 47
	Amount on hand	$ 98 02

C. W. O'HARA, Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Family Religion: H. T. Caffey, J. E. Mattison and H. C. Moss.
On Education: H. E. Reynolds, W. L. Davis and Z. R. Hill.
On Ministerial Education: J. L. Peters, A. P. Longshore and W. G. Parker.
On Periodicals: J. R. Hill, J. A. Skaggs and J. D. Hand.
On Aged and Ingrm Ministers: T. M. Fancher, J. D. Farington and W. M. Kerbo.
On State Missions: J. F. Averyt, J. H. Keith and John Moseley.
On Home Missions: J. K. Milner, J. R. Davis and R. A. O'Hara.
On Foreign Missions: J. G. Lowrey, J. A. Gould and W. E. Price.
On Temperance: S. A. Latham, Wm. Lyman and J. W. Arnold.
On Sunday Schools: E. W. North, H. C. Reynolds and R. E. Woolly.
On Bible and Colportage Work: H. C. Taul, W. W. Roy and W. D. Hubbard, Sr.

Resolved, That resolutions of gratitude and gratefulness but feebly express our appreciation of the kindness and hospitality shown us by the good people of Enon church and community during our stay among them.

After singing a hymn, extending the parting hand and prayer by C. W. O'Hara, the association adjourned *sine die*.

E. B. TEAGUE, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

N. T. Lucas	Montevallo,	Ala.
N. J. Jarvis	Dogwood,	"
Charles Johnson	Montevallo,	"
J. W. Whitfield	"	"
J. N. Walker	"	"
H. C. Taul	Helena,	"
W. W. Armstrong (aged beneficiary)	Wilsonville,	"
J. C. Lyon	"	"
J. D. Martin	Coalville,	"
E. B. Teague, D. D	Columbiana,	"
C. W. O'Hara	"	"
W. W. Kirkland	"	"
J. W. Wood (aged beneficiary)	British,	"
J. D. Mills	Gurnee,	"
J. G. Lowrey	Calera,	"

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J. H. R. Carden.....Weldon, "
B. C. Hughes..... " "
J. W. Mitchell.....Six Mile, "

LICENTIATE.

W. M. Kerbo.....Furnace, Ala.
James Davis.....Columbiana, "
Thomas Davis..... " "
I. J. Davis..... " "
G. W. Moore..... " "
J. H. Smith.....Lewis, "

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1885.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Bible & Colport'ge	Eductiion.		Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Sunday School Expenses.	Women's Society: Home Missions	Incidental.
						Howard College building.	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.					
Brierfield	.....	$ 5 40	$ 5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 00	$ 50			
Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....			
Bethesda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	50	$ 18 11	.....	$ 87 70
Calera	$ 5 33	8 40	3 33	$ 2 10	.....	.....	.....	2 00	50	7 00	$ 3 65	
Cahaba Valley	4 00	2 00	8 00	.....	$ 83	.....	.....	2 50	14 70			
Columbiana	9 80	.....	*18 90	2 82	3 56	$62 50	$ 5 00	1 00	.....			
Center Hill	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....			
Dogwood Grove	1 05	1 05	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	50			
Enon	1 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....			
Florence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....			
Helena	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	1 50	12 00		
Jemison	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....			
Kingdom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 30	.....			
Liberty	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....			
Longview	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	14 23		
Montevallo	6 65	16 00	31 90	.....	8 10	.....	.....	50	50			
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	50	9 40		
Mars' Hill	1 70	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	50			
Mt. Calvary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	90		
New Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....			
New Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....			
Rocky Ridge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	12 00		
Six Mile	6 00	3 38	12 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	50			
Summer Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	26 17		
Shelby	14 58	4 90	4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Collection at Association	1 19	1 18	1 18	5 39								
Total	$55 20	$46 51	$89 26	$10 31	$13 99	$62 50	$25 00	$39 25	$ 5 50	$114 51	$ 3 65	$ 87 70

*$1.60 of this amount paid by Sunday school.

Churches.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans Home.	Other Sources.	Centennial Fund.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, fuel, the poor, etc.	Value of buildings and furniture.
Brierfield	.....	.....	....	.....	$ 11 90	$ 75 00	$ 4 10	$ 1,011 00
Bethlehem								
Bethesda	....	....	....	....	3 00	50 00	.....	500 00
Calera	$10 41	§$7 50	.....	$ 23 33	167 71	200 00	35 00	2,200 00
Cahaba Valley	5 00	.....	$42 33	20 00	95 31	100 00	.....	400 00
Columbia	8 00	.....	.. .	‖46 26	174 04	150 00	20 88	1,200 00
Center Hill	.....	....	....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	100 00
Dogwood Grove	.....	....	....	8 43	12 88	.....	.....	400 00
Enon	....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	45 95	5 00	500 00
Florence	....	....	....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	150 00
Helena	.....	....	.....	6 40	9 60	.....	.....	1,000 00
Jemison	5 00	.....	.....	†30 00	73 20	112 50	18 00	1 000 00
Kingdom	....	....	.. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Liberty	2 50	....	....	.. ....	6 80	52 75	.. ...	500 00
Longview	.....	....	....	.....	60	....	5 00	700 00
Montevalla	25 00	.....	...	.....	°90 65	260 88	60 65	3,200 00
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00			
Mars' Hill	.....	.....	....	.....	14 80	.....	6 00	300 00
Mt. Calvary	.....	....	..	.. ....	2 00	.....	.....	200 00
New Prospect	....	....	....	.. ....	1 90	.....	.....	300 00
New Antioch	....	....	....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	300 00
Rocky Ridge	.....	....	....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	200 00
Six Mile	5 00	....	....	10 00	52 88	.....	.....	1,000 00
Summer Hill	.....	....	....	.....	2 00	...	.....	200 00
Shelby	10 00	..	....	‡25 00	88 05	300 00	*194 55	1,100 00
Collection at Association	...	..	.....	.....	8 54			
Total	$70 91	$ 7 50	$42 33	$ 169 42	$ 829 31	$1347 05	$ 349 18	$ 16,961 00

§$5.00 of this amount paid by S. S. ‖$13.73 of this amout paid by S. S. †$5 00 of this amount paid by La A. So. °$18.35 of this amount paid by La. A. So.; $20.65 by Sunbeams for missions. Don't know how it was divided. ‡$5.00 of this amount paid by La. A. So. *$86.08 of this amount paid by La, A. So.; $8.16 by Sun Beams.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership last reported	Increase by: Baptism	Letter	Watchcare	Restorat'n	Decrease by: Letter.	Exclusion	Erasure.	Death.	Present membership.
1st District.																
Brierfield	Bibb	I. G. Lowrey	L. P. Brock	Ashby			39					4				35
Bethlehem	Shelby	Not represented.					29									†29
Calera	"	J. G. Lowrey	H. T. Caffey.	Calera			32		6			4		6		28
Cahaba Valley	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell	E. B. McGuire.	Furnace			83	14	7						6	105
Dogwood Grove.	Shelby	N. J. Jarvis	R. E Woolly.	Dogwood.			116	2	2			6			1	113
Enon.	"	W. H. Connell	W. R Lucas.	Montevallo			64	2	5		1	10	10			52
Helena	"	J. D. Martin	H. W. Bowers	Helena			35	3	7	1		2			3	40
Jemison	Chilton	C. W. O'Hara	J. D. Hand	Jemison			85		2			18				67
Longview	Shelby	N. T. Lucas	C. E. Hale	Longview			41		1			5	2			34
Macedonia	"	N. J. Jarvis	W T. Walker	Montevallo			46				1	1	2		1	42
Montevallo	"		Mm. Lyman	"			67		1			6				62
New Antioch	"	N. J Jarvis.	Shelby Booth	Gurnee			36	16	5						1	100
Six Mile	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell	H. C Owen	Six Mile			116	15	1			3			2	123
2d District.																
Bethesda	Shelby	H. C Taul	R A. O'Hara	Wilsonville			105	3	1			21			1	95
Columbiana	"	E. B. Teague	J. L. Peters	Columbiana			50	2	5			4			1	52
‡Center Hill	"	J. F. Parker	W W. Kendrick	Wilsonville			44	4	9				1			56
Florence	"	B. C. Hughes.	J M. Crenshaw	Lewis			72	27	2		13	44	4			67
Kingdom	"	Not represented.					23									†23
Liberty	"	J. D. Martin	A F Carden.	Weldon			120	7	10		1	7			3	128
Mars' Hill	Jefferson	"	Wm. Poe	Oxmoor			51	5	1			1				56
Mt. Calvary	Shelby	H. C. Taul	J L. Mooney.	Columbiana			51	1	2							54
Mt. Carmel	"	Not represented.					11									11
New Prospect	"	J. F. Parker.	W. C. Carden.	Weldon			18		13		1	2				30
Rocky Ridge	"	Geo Crumpton.	W. M Davis	Columbiana			60	9					1			67
Summer Hill	"	N. T. Lucas	L. Q. Gould	"			51	11	11			4				58
Shelby	"	C. W. O'Hara	G. H. Averyt	Shelby			51		5			1	2			52
Total							1498	121	96	1	17	143	22	6	20	1539

†Previous totals given of churches not represented. ‡Center Hill was organized Oct. 8, 1892. with 44 members.

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Church.	Sunday School: Superintendent.	Superintend't's postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in library.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.	Periodicals taken.	
1st District.										
Brierfield	Frank Farringt'n	Brierfield	6	28	....	2				
Bethlehem										Churches organiz'd during year:
Calera	H. C. Moss.	Calera	7	42	....	1 & 3	Weekly.	...	45	
Cahaba Valley	M. Kerbo	Furnace	7	60		4	"	..	40	
Dogwood Grove										‡Center Hill was organized Oct.8,'92, with 44 members
Enon	P. L. Lucas	Montevallo	7	40		1	"	1		
Helena			...		...	2	.....		3	
Jemison	J. R. Hill	Jemison	7	70	....	2	Weekly			
Longview	J. B. Adams	Longview	5	20		4				
Macedonia			...	....	..	1				
Montevallo	E. W. North	Montevallo	8	57						
New Antioch				50	....	4				
Six Mile	R. H. Pratt.	Six Mile	1	67	....	1	.....	1	4	
2d District.										
Bethesda			.....	.....	...	1				
Columbiana	J. K. Milner	Columbiana	9	51		2	Weekly		90	
‡Center Hill				....	....	4				
Florence			4	30		3				
Kingdom										
Liberty			4	50		....	Monthly			
Mars' Hill	W. J. Nunally	Helena	3	52		3				
Mt. Calvary			.....		....	2				
Mt. Carmel										
New Prospect			.....	..	...	2	.. ...	1		
Rocky Ridge			.....		....	4				
Summer Hill			....			2				
Shelby	J. F. Averyt	Shelby					.....		25	
Total			78	620		...		3	207	

Note.—Several of the churches that have S. S. make no report. C. W. O'Hara, Clerk.

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